

Recreation Committee Meeting
September 15, 2008

Attendees: Dave Brooks, Susan Rich, Tony Barrett, Don Miskill, and Judy Arndt

Also present: Liz Bouvé, Gina Perow

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes of 8/14/08 were approved as written.

New Business:

- **Bike Rack Proposal at Mitchell Field** - Bonnie Bailey [Tad Forestheart] has proposed building a bike rack at the field and putting some donated bicycles in the rack for people to use and return when done. She has the bikes. There were concerns raised about helmet requirements and theft. Judy A. indicated that the bike coalition could talk with folks from other communities about how to make the program work properly. It will be added to the Rec Cmte MF Initiatives list.
- **Tobacco-Free Policy Proposal** - The Select Board asked all town committees to comment on the proposal. Don M. indicated that the MF Cmte had responded that the policy could be a recommendation, but an ordinance was unworkable from an enforcement standpoint. Linda Christie (?), Director of Access Health for Midcoast Health Services was going to be contacted for additional information on this issue. The Recreation Committee endorses the same recommendation.
- **Cliff Trail Project w/Bowdoin Common Good Day Work Crew** - Dave B. & Don M. commented on the outstanding effort by the six people who worked on Saturday (9/13). We moved the entire pile of wood chips onto the areas of the trail that needed work. Our thanks to Susan R. for refreshments.
- **2008 Awards** - tabled. Not yet time for this selection process.
- **Budget Submission for 2009**- Liz reviewed the budget submission. It calls for level funding. Vote was 5-0 recommending approval of the budget. Liz and Gina will present to the Budget Committee.
- **Interim Recreation Director** - Liz is stepping down to pursue other interests. She is recommending and the committee endorses Gina Perow as interim Recreation Director until such time as the position is advertised and filled.
- **Sport Specific Handbooks** - Gina is completing these tools and having them posted on the website.
- **Giant Stairs Trail Improvement Project Update** - (Sep 15 - Nov 16) Tony B. The crew arrived today and will be staying at the Driftwood Inn for the first four weeks. People have volunteered to provide some meals. Will need a place for them to stay the second half. We are soliciting volunteers to assist the Maine Conservation Corps crew. Various folks were assigned to contact local media and provide information and background on the volunteer solicitation effort for the project.
- **Mountain Road Right-of-Way** - Select Board was thinking about giving it up. Recreation Cmte recommends keeping it in view of the bike path initiatives currently being proposed or evaluated.
- **Paperwork reduction Initiative** - Liz reviewed her research on this initiative with other Recreation departments to see what can be done to keep the paperwork requirements at a minimum in view of the limited admin support time available. She recapped the meeting with Kristi and Terry on this issue.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 22 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Miskill